



1st Quarter
2023

Enterprise Fire Department



The Enterprise Fire Department will publish a quarterly newsletter to share important information, highlight the accomplishments of our department, and keep you updated on upcoming events.

Save these dates for upcoming events:

April 15- Smoke Detector Blitz
May 5- Boll Weevil Block Party
May 6- Festival in the Park
June 27- Chick-fil-A Fundraiser
July 1- Golf Tournament
July 8- EFD Community Fair
July 25- Chick-fil-A Fundraiser

EFD by the numbers: January 1 – March 31



1091

Total Number of Calls



67

Total Number of
Fire-Related Calls



3600

Total Number of
Training Hours

Dear community members,

I am writing to you today with a sense of urgency about the importance of smoke detectors in our homes. It's shocking to think that more than one-third of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms or working alarms are present. The good news is we can reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by half simply by having installed, working smoke alarms.



I urge you to take the time to install smoke detectors in your home. Place them inside each bedroom, outside of sleeping areas, and on every level of your home. It is better if they are interconnected alarms so that if one sounds, they all sound, however, any working smoke detectors provide far superior protection than nothing. But it is not enough to have them. They must be working properly. You should test your detectors once a month.

This is a good opportunity to let your kids participate and to learn the importance of preparing for fire safety.

Lastly, I want to remind you that the Enterprise Fire Department will provide and install battery-operated smoke alarms in Enterprise homes at no cost to you. Together, we can reduce the risk of fire and keep our families safe.

All of us at Enterprise Fire want you, your family, and your guests safe. Don't wait until it's too late – take action today and protect yourself and your loved ones by assuring you have working smoke detectors in your home.

To learn more about how to get free smoke detectors for your homes, give us a call at (334) 348-2641.



**If the alarm sounds,
get out and stay out.
Never go back
inside for people
or pets.**

Thank you,
Christopher Davis, Fire Chief
Enterprise Fire Department

1st Quarter Training Initiatives



Incident Safety Officer Course, Jan. 9-13

Battalion Chiefs and Captains attended the 40-hour training course which focused specifically on the role and importance of an incident safety officer. Training like this allows our department to strengthen practices already put into place, to identify areas of opportunity, and to educate through implementation.

Burn Building Training, Mar. 30

"C" shift trained on basic fire prevention and understanding fire behavior during the roughly 2-hour exercise. Crews spent 10-15 minutes working to meet objectives, while putting out the fire caused by hay bales and pallets.



Welcome to
the newest
member of
EFD,
Hayes
Hatfield.





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Meant to Bee visits Central, Jan. 22

"Meant to BEE" stopped by to check out some of our gear and equipment. The non-profit provides services and support to special needs children and their families in our community.



Strategic Planning Meeting, Jan. 24

Department Heads, including Chief Davis, met with Mayor Cooper and the City Council to set goals for the city.

Burn Building Training, Feb. 4

Scenarios like this teach firefighters how to act effectively during emergency situations when lives are at stake and every second counts.



"It's important for our firefighters to trust in their gear and personal protective equipment."
-Chief Davis



Check Presentation, Feb. 8

EFD, Enterprise Police, and Enterprise Rescue all received a donation from Alabama businessman Sam Scruggs.

CERT Training Feb. 18 & 25



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training happened over the course of two weekends and included classroom instruction and hands-on exercises. "C" shift taught and demonstrated the various types of lifts and carries.



Friends of Main Street Meeting, Feb. 28

Chief Davis spoke about the importance of working smoke detectors and how the Knox Box is beneficial to business owners.



Read Across America at Herrand Creek Elementary School, Mar. 1

Senior Firefighter Garrett Keller read to Kindergarteners in Ms. McKenzie's class. He also explained parts of his gear and answered some very enthusiastic questions.



Flag collection initiative, Mar. 6

Each fire station will now be a collection site for flags. We will get them to a local Veterans Service Organization for proper disposal.



Active Shooter Exercise, Mar. 2
 EFD joined EPD, Coffee County
 Emergency Management Agency
 and several other entities for this
 training event, held at Hillcrest
 Baptist Church. The exercise
 allowed the responding agencies to
 practice working together
 during a high risk/low
 frequency event.



**Employee
 Enrichment
 and Staff
 Development,
 Mar. 17**



**Happy 72nd
 Birthday, Sparky!
 Mar. 18**





**2021 Fire Code Adopted
at City Council Meeting,
Mar. 21**



The city adopted 10 new codes, including the 2021 Fire Code, which will go into effect Oct. 2. EFD was previously using the 2009 Fire Code.

Enterprise First United Methodist Church Safety Day, Mar. 23



'Stop the Bleed' training for CERT volunteers, Mar. 23



Spring Festival at the Monument, Mar. 25



Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

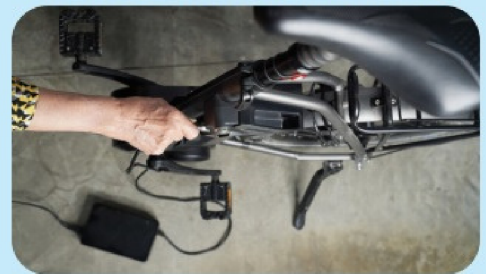
Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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**June 27, July 25, and August 29
5 to 7 p.m.**

Chick-fil-A Enterprise

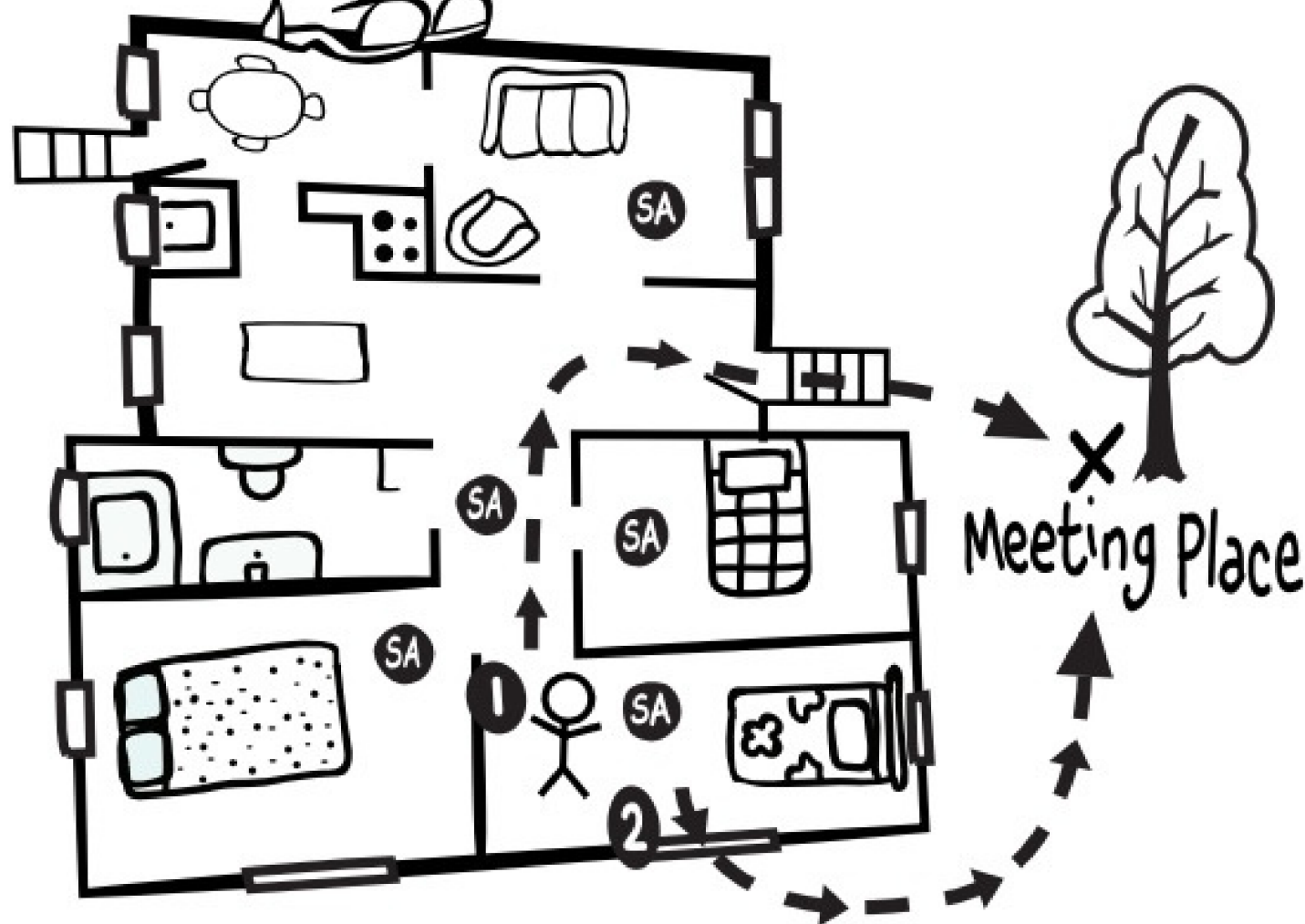
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Community Risk Reduction efforts
in our community.**



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Kids

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